



# Sportslands **Plan of Management**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 BACKGROUND

This plan of management is an important document providing clear guidelines for the future management of land in the care and control of Council. The rationale for this plan lies jointly in the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and Newcastle City Council's desire to produce a consistent and effective set of guidelines governing the management of community land. This rationale was established as a key component of the Linking Plan.

The Local Government Amendment Act 1998 commenced on 1 January 1999. This plan has been amended to comply with the requirements of this Act and updated since its first adoption in May 1998.

This Plan of Management should be read in conjunction with two other Council documents; The Sports Policy; which provides the values, goals strategic directions, and position statements related to sport and the management of sports infrastructure, and the Recreation Service Plan which determines the priorities for resourcing.

This plan of management refers to all Sportslands, which are those sports reserves that are either crown or council land. They have been categorised into a functional hierarchy - Regional, District and Local - to provide a basis for resource allocation and management.

### ***Benefits of this Management Plan***

The benefits of this plan of management are that it:

1. enables a planned approach to resource allocation across Sportslands.
2. provides one agreed position between all stakeholders about the key actions required for individual sports grounds and sports grounds as a whole.
3. identifies key actions for which identified areas of Council will be accountable.
4. assists users and Park Committees of Sportslands to plan their activities.
5. helps to inform the preparation of agreed development plans (or concept plans) for each sporting reserve.
6. clarifies and establishes Council policy and direction, both to Council staff and to the community.
7. provides the basis for assigning priorities in the programming of works and budgeting.

This plan of management will be reviewed quarterly and annually during the budget process to assess implementation and performance, and fully reviewed after five years to allow policy and planning issues to be updated.

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## 1.2 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

The Local Government Act 1993 provides Councils with a specific approach to the classification and management of community land. The Act requires that all community land in the care and control of Councils in New South Wales is subject to a plan of management.

Community Land is defined by the Act as land that should be kept for the use of the general community, must not be sold or leased for more than 21 years, and may only be leased or licensed for more than five years by public notification process.

This generic Plan of Management has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Act as amended 1998. The community land covered by this plan is categorised as Sportsground in accordance with section 36F. It should be noted that in the interests of consistency, Sportslands that are on Crown Land have been included in this Plan.

As part of the amendments to the Act in 1998, core objectives were established for community land categorised as Sports grounds.

They are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

Council's particular goals and objectives for Sportsgrounds are consistent with these and are discussed in Section 2.

## 1.3 THE SPORTSLANDS

The Newcastle City Council defines all reserves used for sport as either of Regional, District or Local significance. Council currently has one regional, 11 district and 49 local level sports facilities. The location of these Sportslands is shown on Figure 1 Location Plan and they are listed in **APPENDIX 1**.

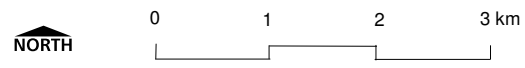
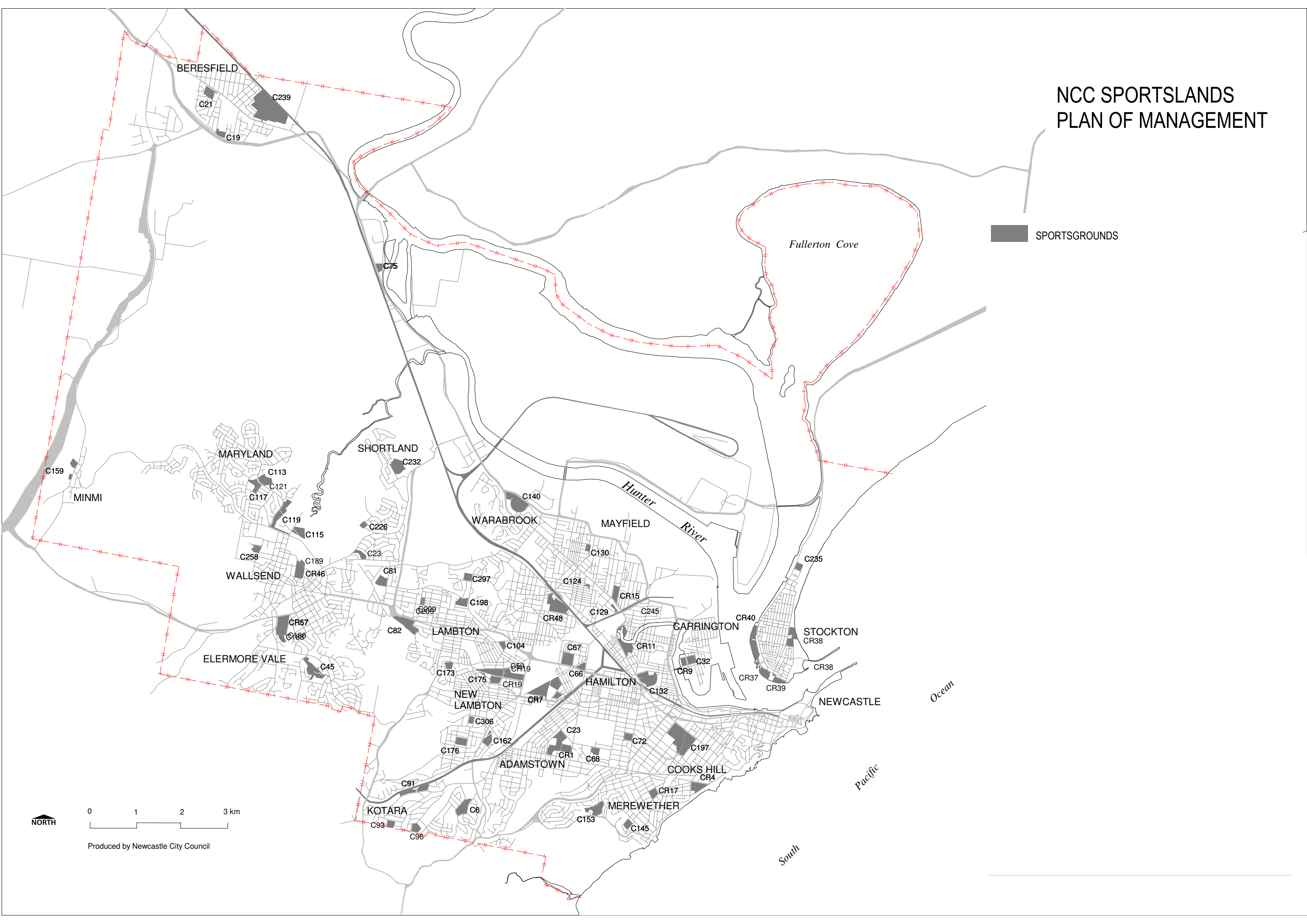
Several of these Sportslands have specific plans of management already in place because of their significance, size and/or complexity of issues.

- National Park Plan of Management May 1996.
- Adamstown/Myers Park Plan of Management July 1996 (Crown Land).
- District Park Plan of Management – NCC/DLWC (Note, this Plan has been revised separately by the Department of Land and Water Conservation and the International Sports Centre Trust 2002).

Some of these reserves also have important functions and values other than sport eg. Myamblah Crescent – (Bushland values) Tuxford Park and Tarro Recreation Reserve – (Wetland values) and most have a variety of recreation opportunities eg. Picnic areas, barbecues, walking tracks. These values must be addressed as the parks are maintained.

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## 1.4 STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This Plan of Management provides a framework to guide Newcastle City Council's decision-making in relation to Sportslands. Issues and management strategies specific to Regional and District Sportslands are dealt with in Section 2.

The plan reflects the needs of:

- Council as managers of reserves.
- Current and future visitors as users of the reserves.
- Local residents as users and neighbours of reserves
- The community of Newcastle as custodians of the environment.

This document is divided into the following parts:

### ***Basis for Management***

This section reflects the values and long term policies of Council in relation to Sportslands and has a currency of ten plus years.

### ***Management Strategies***

This section contains the medium term strategies that Council will follow to achieve its long term policies and has a currency of five years.

### ***Implementation Plan***

This section contains the actions that Council will implement in managing Sportslands, as well as methods to monitor the success of these actions and has a currency of about five years. It is accompanied by a five-year action plan that will be updated annually.

## 1.5 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation is integral to the production of a plan of management. It provides Council with a sound understanding of relevant local issues from those who are familiar with and use the open space areas in question.

Public involvement and consultation generates an understanding of Council's land management aims, combats possible misunderstanding, and fosters support for Council's programs and policies. The consent and co-operation of the users of open space assists Council management and lends weight to the status of the plan of management.

Community views have been sought about the management of sports facilities through a questionnaire to park committees, a sports group workshop, and through the consultation process as part of the Open Space and Recreation Study in 1996.

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The Local Government Act 1993 stipulates that plans of management are to be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days, and a further 14 days will be allowed for the receipt of submissions from the public. Council has considered all submissions relevant to the plan of management prior to finalisation and subsequent adoption of the plan.

The summary of consultation is at **APPENDIX 4**.

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## 2. BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

The basis for management of Sportslands is drawn from:

- Context of Sportslands in open space of Newcastle.
- Community values relating to Sportslands.
- Newcastle City Council's goals for the Sportslands.
- The role of the Sportslands in achieving the goals for open space as presented in the Linking Plan (1996).

### 2.1 CONTEXT AND ROLE OF SPORTSLANDS IN NEWCASTLE

The total amount of open space managed by the City of Newcastle is 1200 ha, (1999) of which 33% of this is used for sport.

On 59 Sportsgrounds, Council provides and/or maintains 146 playing fields, 60 tennis courts, 87 netball courts and a range of facilities for other codes. The role of Regional and District Sportslands in the open space system is to provide for the performance and excellence level of sporting activity, by providing purpose-built high quality facilities to cater for regional and district needs. Refer to functional hierarchies **Appendix 8**.

These Sportslands provide an important role in facilitating sports tourism and spectator sports opportunities that local sportslands are not able to provide. The cost, special nature and potential economic benefits flowing from District and Regional facilities need to be balanced with the desire to enhance affordability and accessibility of sports opportunities and the benefits of local sports participation fostered on the local Sportslands.

**This Plan of Management becomes the overriding document for the Sportslands and the specific issues relating to District Park, National Park and Adamstown/Myers Park are detailed in their individual Plans of Management.**

### 2.2 COMMUNITY VALUES RELATING TO SPORTSLANDS

Our awareness of the values of the Open Space System was derived from the responses of people who participated in the workshops held during the course of the preparation of Council's Strategic Open Space Plan. In their view, they valued open space because of its environmental value, accessibility, aesthetic quality, opportunities for informal recreation linkages and connections, resource and asset value, tourism potential and opportunities for organised sporting activity.

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Further input from stakeholders was sought at the workshop and the seminar held to discuss the Sportslands. Key values relating to the Sportslands are summarised:

### ***Accessibility for informal recreation and exercise***

Sportslands have an intrinsic value in their existence and location in Newcastle.

They provide resources as local open space for people strolling, kicking a ball and taking in some fresh air, and for the social interaction associated with a sports club or activity.

### ***Special events, venues***

Suitable District and Regional Sportslands situated in larger reserves with parkland qualities and other recreation facilities can provide for a range of special events. These Sportslands provide a good opportunity for Newcastle to attract longer sports events, tournaments and carnivals which may bring economic and sporting benefits to residents and sport participants. Licences for the use of Sportslands for events must be issued in accordance with the Local Government Act (refer to **APPENDIX 2**).

### ***Purpose built facilities for graded sports competitions and spectator sport***

Regional and District Sportslands provide the infrastructure that facilitates a range of sports being played at a district or regional level. (Local sportsgrounds also perform this function at a local level). They are an important level within the hierarchy of sports opportunities available to residents and visitors, which ensure the viability of sports codes.

### ***Cultural Significance and Tourism Potential***

Of all cultural activities undertaken by Newcastle residents in the last three months in 1994<sup>1</sup> sports activities were the most common with 14.8% participating.

The Regional and District Sportslands and their supporting infrastructure reflect Newcastle and the Hunter's rich sporting tradition being, in part, the product of the strong work ethic and the mix and proportion of persons from ethnic backgrounds.

These Sportslands offer opportunities for tourism and the reflection of cultural heritage.

## **2.3 ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE VALUES OF SPORTSLANDS**

For Sportslands to function successfully the following key issues must be examined and addressed:

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<sup>1</sup> Newcastle City Council Cultural Survey Final Report. Hunter Valley Research Foundation 1994. Note at the time of POM revision – 1999/2000 no up to date research was available.

- Fragmentation maintenance and improvement.
- Sports administration and management – allocation, occupancy agreements, fees and charges.
- Pricing policy issues.
- Marketing and communication – Promoting the role of Council and the community.

Clear direction in strategies and action will lay the basis for more effective Sportslands management and allow the identified values to be maintained. The Sports Policy gives Council that direction and guides and informs this Plan of Management.

Infrastructure maintenance improvements have been identified as key issues at specific sportsgrounds as detailed in **Table 1**.

**2.4 Table 1 – Infrastructure and Maintenance Improvement Issues Relating to Individual District Sportslands 2000**

<i><b>ISSUES</b></i>											
<b>Park</b>	Drainage	Irrigation	Car Parking	Traffic Management	Condition of Playing Surface	Overuse	Asset Maintenance	Floodlighting	Impact on Neighbours	Impact on Neighbours	Landscaping
Mitchell Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
New Lambton Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Arthur Edden Oval								✓	✓		✓
Wallarah Oval	✓							✓	✓		
Stevenson Park	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upper Reserve	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Wallsend Park	✓		✓	✓			✓				
Waratah Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
Wickham	✓	✓			✓		✓				

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## 2.5 GOALS FOR SPORTSLANDS

Council's mission statement for recreation underpins the specific goals for Sportslands.

- To provide future direction and management for a comprehensive range of recreation programs, facilities and services that meet community needs in an equitable and consistent way (1998).

### General

- To promote the benefits of an active lifestyle through sport.
- To increase sports participation (players, members and spectators), especially at a casual and social level.
- To maximise the opportunities for all residents to play and view sports of their choice, regardless of age, gender, culture or ability.
- To create partnerships with users and stakeholders in sports development for the provision and management of sporting facilities.
- To recoup from users a proportion of the cost to Council of managing each sports facility.
- To be effective and efficient.
- To be customer focused in our service delivery.
- To encourage sports tourism and the social and economic benefits that flow on from that to local residents.

### Regional and District Sportslands

In addition to those above there are goals that are specific to Major Sportslands (our Regional and District facilities):

- To promote the use of Regional and District Sportslands for sports, special events and tourism.
- To effectively manage the use of and improve the assets on Regional and District Sportslands.
- To enhance the accessibility of Regional and District Sportslands for local communities.
- To encourage partnerships in the development and management of the Regional and District Sportslands.
- To enhance the range of sports codes played at a regional level.
- To encourage greater participation in sport, and enhance the viability of sport by providing for the higher grades of sports competition in Newcastle as well as lower grade and social sport competition.

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### **3. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

Following examination of the issues relating to all levels of Sportslands there was a clear message from the workshops that high priority should be given to improving the condition of Sportslands and that this would require a planned approach involving stakeholders.

The key strategies for the management of our Sportslands are:

- The development and implementation of Asset Preservation, capital works and cyclic routine maintenance programs to ensure a planned approach to resource allocation.
- The improved management of a centralised booking system.
- A review of occupancy agreements.
- Implementation of a city wide fees and charges schedule to ensure consistency across grades of facilities, equity and transparency for users.
- Appropriate training and knowledge for volunteers on Sportslands, to comply with Occupational Health and Safety standards.

These management strategies are detailed next in the implementation plan which links these to proposed actions and performance measures.

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## 4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

This Implementation Plan details issues, management strategies and proposed actions for Sportslands in Newcastle. These issues have been determined through consultation with stakeholders, surveys and field research. The strategies and actions provide the framework for management of Sportslands consistent with anticipated availability of resources and anticipated recreation trends.

The priorities in this implementation plan have been determined through consultation, recreation-planning data and asset preservation needs and are subject to the availability of resources. They will be reviewed quarterly and during the annual budget process.

The Plan of Management will be implemented by a range of means, which includes asset preservation programs, routine maintenance and staff training, and capital works programs.

Responsibility for overall implementation of the plan rests with the Parks and Recreation Manager (City Services and Presentation), however the recreation planner will seek specialist advice and support from other groups when required.

Codes used in the Implementation Plan are as follows:

Responsibility	
CD	Community Development
D&E	Development and Environment
CS&P	City Services and Presentation
CS	City Strategy

Program	
APP	Asset Preservation Program
CWP	Capital Works Program
RMP	Routine Maintenance Program

Cost Estimate	
<b>Code</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
NA	Not Applicable - no major capital works, generally within existing resources
\$?	Cost to be Determined - investigate scope of works to determine impact of funding



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<b>OBJECTIVE 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT</b>					
<b>Conditions of Assets</b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Major capital works and cyclic maintenance programs are required to maximise the return on investment in Sportslands Infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of an ongoing major capital works program and cyclic maintenance plan for all Sportslands.</li> </ul>	CWP CS&P	\$300,000pa	High	A five year major capital works program submitted for budget consideration each financial year. Review five year program by December 2000.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a major audit of all facilities, including floodlighting and compare against needs to determine maintenance and capital works required in the short, medium and long term.</li> </ul>	APP		High	An annual cyclic maintenance program in place and a five year program to be development by December 2001.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the need for canteen facilities on all grounds.</li> </ul>	APP CS&P		High	Canteen review to be undertaken and recommendations included as part of the capital works program for 2002.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council should seek funds for development in every capital works funding program offered by NSW Sport and Recreation.</li> </ul>	CWP CS&P	N/A	High	Applications made for NSW Sport and Recreation funds annually in every available program.
2. Development concept plans for all sportslands will provide a blue print for appropriate development and ensure developments are undertaken in a planned way, when funds become available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare development (concept) plans for sportslands in conjunction with local park committees or other users as required.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	Development plans prepared subject to funding and priorities.  Plans progressively implemented once funding becomes available.

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Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer the role for minor maintenance to users and/or provide local park committees with resources to address emergency maintenance within a defined period and to meet OH&amp;S standards.</li> </ul>	RMS CS&P	\$TBA		<p>Vandalism cost to be identified and appropriate funds allocated to Park Committees.</p> <p>Groups be provided training to undertake these tasks.</p>
3. Upgrade or redevelop key infrastructure in line with community expectations and industry standards to enhance use and value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the options for siting and feasibility of providing such facilities if not already undertaken.</li> </ul>	APP CWP CS&P, CS	N/A	High	Infrastructure improvements identified annually in Capital Works Program and Asset Preservation Program.
4. A strategy is required to address the viability of replacing or repairing some items of existing infrastructure which may now be of a lower standard than that expected by the community and required by the sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunities to fund new sports infrastructure in partnership with users or other stakeholders.</li> </ul>	CS&P	\$30,000	High	Sports Partnership Program be funded on an annual basis.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to undertake a program of works that will ensure other infrastructure is not allowed to deteriorate.</li> </ul>	APP CS&P		High	Funding included in Council's Asset Preservation and Operations budget.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify key infrastructure to be upgraded or replaced with more cost effective, safe and appropriate facilities.</li> </ul>	APP CS&P	N/A	High	Program integrated with Capital Works Program and Asset Preservation Program annually.

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<b>OBJECTIVE 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT</b>					
<b><i>Infrastructure Design</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. There needs to be a planned approach to the provision of buildings and support infrastructure on reserves, consolidating separate club facilities and public amenities within the one building envelope of a well designed structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce guidelines concerning the planning, design and management of public amenities and club rooms on sportsgrounds.</li> </ul>	APP CS&P	N/A \$500,000	Medium	Prepare guidelines for adoption by Council by December 2001 for integration with Capital Works and Asset Preservation Program.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare Development Concept Plans in conjunction with local park committees and/or users.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	Development Concept Plans prepared as required.
2. Uniformity in design details, materials and colours wherever possible to present a collective image of sports facilities and reduce visual clutter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a standard for basic furniture and promotional signage for all sportslands.</li> </ul>	CS&P CS	N/A	Medium	Corporate Standard adopted by December 2001.

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<b>OBJECTIVE 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT</b>					
<b><i>Infrastructure accessible to people with a disability</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Any new developments on Sportslands should have facilities accessible to people with a disability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the accessibility of all facilities on Sportslands, including the suitability of surfaces for athletes with a disability.</li> </ul>	CS&P		High	Access audit survey of facilities undertaken by 2002 as resources permit.
2. Where cost effective, existing facilities should be modified to become accessible to people with a disability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify strategic priorities for the modification of existing facilities to enhance accessibility, or the removal of existing barriers, commencing with district and regional facilities.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A, EP	High	Modifications planned and integrated with Capital Works Program and Disability Action Plan each year.
<b>OBJECTIVE 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT</b>					
<b><i>Protection of Heritage</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Sites of cultural and/or historic significance present in reserves should be protected and interpreted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to Heritage Places Plan of Management for direction in assessment, protection, restoration and interpretation.</li> </ul>	CS&P CS	TBA	High	On-going Heritage issues addressed and incorporated in Works Programs.
2. Heritage/character may provide a marketable competitive strength for the City.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise Heritage information when preparing promotional literature.</li> </ul>	CS&P CS	TBA		Interpretative signage linked to standard by December 2001.

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<b>OBJECTIVE 1 – INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT</b>					
<b><i>Playing Surface Quality and Maintenance</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Ensure grounds are not overdeveloped for their functional hierarchy. Progressively ensure that infrastructure on grounds is in accordance with their nominated hierarchy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine a program for incrementally redeveloping turf playing surface.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P CS	\$100,000 operational	High	Playing surfaces which need redevelopment to be identified and incorporated into the Asset Preservation and Capital Works Program.
2. New policies and conditions in occupancy agreement need to be introduced to manage use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor ground closure policy to prevent the damage of grounds in wet weather.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P CS	N/A	High	Wet weather ground closure policy to be monitored and modified if necessary.
3. Some fields need to be reconstructed, drained and irrigated and then managed to prevent over use.  Clubs and associations need to take on specific maintenance transferred to tenants with long term security of tenure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate new occupancy agreements that prevent overuse, and transfer maintenance responsibilities on grounds leased or licensed.</li> </ul>	CS&P CS	N/A	High	New occupancy agreements to be in place for seasonal users.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hexham Bowling Club to install and operate an effluent treatment and irrigation system on Hexham Park. To ensure the integrity of the sportsground not be compromised by over irrigation.</li> </ul>	CS&P (now Parks and Recreation Services) Hexham Bowling Club	N/A (to be met by Hexham Bowling Club)	High	Treated water meets standards for public sportsgrounds. Alternate disposal methods of treated water in place to ensure sportsground and surrounding vegetation is not over irrigated.
4. The roles of local park committees in maintenance need to be clarified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the proposed policy on the role and operation of local park committees.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	A new role and function of local park committees to be endorsed by Council by December 2000.

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<b>OBJECTIVE 2 – RECREATION AMENITY</b>					
<i>Recreational Amenity and Landscape Design</i>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Individual masterplans or development plans should address opportunities for and the design of associated landscaped and recreational areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare development plans for all Sportslands with local park committees for users addressing additional landscaping and recreational needs within each reserve.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Landscape development plans must incorporate maintenance specification, and handover procedures.</p>	CS&P CS	\$50,000	High	Funding applied for in the 2001/2002 budget.
2. Existing play equipment needs to be maintained at current standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manage playgrounds in line with Playgrounds POM and relevant Australian Safety Standards.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P CS	EP		Apply annually for funding to implement Playground Plan of Management.

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### OBJECTIVE 3 – SPORTS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

#### *Centralised Booking and Administration*

Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Council must adopt an information management role to aid planning, marketing and customer focus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to manage and improve the computerised booking system.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P		High	Seasonal/casual allocations are completed and data collected to reflect utilisation of facilities and information given to relevant ground staff prior to event for adequate preparation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council to seek and compile information from users through the allocation process for use in planning and marketing.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	

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<b>OBJECTIVE 3 – SPORTS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT</b>					
<b>Occupancy Agreements</b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Occupancy agreements should be viewed as a vehicle for establishing partnerships between Council and users groups in the management of facilities that meet both users and Council objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise and introduce new occupancy agreements. Provide incentives for tenants to promote the sport and the facilities to potential users, improve and maintain facilities over the term of agreement and to communicate and report regularly with Council.</li> </ul>	CS&P CD	\$30,000	High	Review all occupancy agreements in line with the proposed policy and implement occupancy agreements with key sporting associations by December 2001.
2. Relatively standard conditions in agreements should be devised according to categories of use, tenure and maintenance arrangements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a three tiered system of casual permits, seasonal or short term licences and leases as per the Sports Policy.</li> </ul>	CS&P CD	N/A	Medium	System introduced and implemented. Review to be undertaken by June 2000.  Cricket wicket duration agreements implemented by November 2000.
3. The administration and review of occupancy agreements needs to be managed electronically.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a new administration process which seeks information from users/tenants regularly and manages the agreements and information electronically.</li> </ul>	CS&P	\$30,000	Medium	June 2002.
4. Leases should only be entered into where they are in the public interest and on Sportslands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure agreements are consistent with the status of the land and the classification of the ground.</li> </ul>	CS&P CD	N/A	Medium	Commence negotiation with key stakeholders for development of Occupancy Agreements.



## 4.1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SPORTSLANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

<b>OBJECTIVE 4 – PRICING POLICY ISSUES</b>					
<b><i>Fees and Charges</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Ensure consistent fees and charges for the same grade of facility across the City.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess fees and charges and impact of GST.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	All fees and charges reviewed by April 2000. Any changes implemented from July 2000.
2. Monitor and review Citywide schedule of centralised fees and charges managed by the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where Local park committees exist they are to administer fees and charges in accordance with the Sports Policy.</li> </ul>			Medium	Local park Committees/Council to administer on an ongoing basis.
3. Utilise pricing as a way of providing incentives to increase participation and for users to contribute more to the maintenance and development of the facilities they use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negotiate with clubs to undertake specialist tasks (such as the maintenance of turf wickets, line marking etc).</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P	EP	High	Agreement progressively reached with target: eg 2 wickets per year.  Review of Sports Policy to identify rebate in Fees and Charges.  Implemented from July 2000.

## 4.1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SPORTSLANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE 4 – PRICING POLICY ISSUES					
<i>Income Generation</i>					
Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. The nature and scale of income generating activities must enhance the specific sport being played and or the development/management of the ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the advertising sign code to determine appropriate conditions for displaying sponsorship at sports facilities.</li> </ul>	D&E CS&P	N/A	Medium	A revised advertising sign code to be prepared by December 2001.
2. Occupancy agreements should clarify conditions associated with income generation.  Tenants should be responsible for funding capital works required to generate income, other than the provision of a basic canteen.		CS&P	\$20,000	High	Occupancy Agreements to be reviewed by December 2000.

## 4.1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SPORTSLANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE 5 – MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION					
<i>Marketing and Communication</i>					
Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. More information from local committees and users about use and demand would assist Council in planning and allocation of facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate regular communication with all the stakeholders and user groups.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P	N/A	Medium	Further consultation to assist with planning and allocation of facilities.
2. Promote sports policy on an ongoing basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council will nominate one person to whom all direct enquiries about sport allocation, pricing and facility management are to be directed.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	All users details in a database. The computerised booking system can be interrogated to help plan for unmet demand. One Stop Shop initiated by December 2002.
3. There are opportunities to support the increasing interest in more social and casual sports.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare, and annually distribute a pamphlet for potential users outlining grounds available for casual hire, and the policy and procedures for using sportsgrounds.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	Medium	Regular opportunities for networking between clubs and to meet with Council and Sports Advisory Panel.  Review and print new brochure by December 2000.
4. There are opportunities to enhance communication, planning and marketing, and create administrative efficiencies by regularly collecting and managing usage and facility inventory data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt an information management role to facilitate efficient and effective communication with users and stakeholders; and assist booking, monitoring of use and planning activities.</li> <li>Erect a positive park sign at each ground.</li> </ul>	APP RMP CS&P, CP, CS			Replace park signage progressively – all Sportsgrounds identified by sign by 2005.

## 4.1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SPORTSLANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

<b>OBJECTIVE 6 – ACCESS AND LINKAGES</b>					
<b><i>Car Parking and Traffic Management</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. The nature and standard of car parking (on site/on street; sealed) should be consistent with the hierarchy of the ground.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a comprehensive audit of car parking requirements and use, and progressively consolidate and redesign consistent with the grounds hierarchy.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P	\$60,000 1999/2000	High	<p>Car parking and local traffic management reviews to be undertaken.</p> <p>Traffic management studies completed based on need and allocation of funds.</p>
2. Consolidate and redesign car parks in some areas to create better efficiencies, enhance open space and pedestrian amenity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review local traffic management in conjunction with car parking where congestion occurs.</li> </ul>	APP CWP CS&P, CS D&E	\$TBA	High	Prepare program of capital works for car parking and traffic management to be incorporated in annual budget submissions.
<b>OBJECTIVE 6 - ACCESS AND LINKAGES</b>					
<b><i>Linkages</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Open Space links from Sporting Lands to other open spaces should be enhanced through landscape design including native plantings, traffic management, and by enhancing visual continuity in path construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to the Bike Plan and incorporate actions into development plans prepared for Sports Lands.</li> </ul>	CS&P CS, CP	N/A		Integration achieved.

## 4.1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SPORTSLANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT					
<i>Range of Regional Facilities</i>					
Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Major funding and development strategies are required to obtain a better portfolio of regional sports facilities (at minimal costs to Council) which will meet local needs and attract special events and sports tourism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In conjunction with the state government, the sports advisory panel and adjacent Councils, agree on the portfolio of regional facilities that should be built in the City.</li> <li>Enter into discussions with SAP HROC and the state government concerning the provision of additional regional facilities.</li> </ul>	CS&P Partnership with all stakeholders eg. Sports Advisory Panel	\$15,000	High	Regional strategy developed and five year program being implemented.
		CS&P, CS	N/A		Discussion commenced by December 2000.
2. Regional facilities of acceptable competition standard are required in the most popular and key sports to sustain the viability of all levels of that sport played at a local level, and to attract major events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In conjunction with other stakeholders identify the nature, type and viability of key regional facilities required that would benefit local sport and tourism.</li> </ul>	CS&P	\$100,000	High	HROC Sport and Recreation Taskforce to develop regional facilities.

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OBJECTIVE 7 - INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT					
<i>Facility Quality</i>					
Strategy	Action	Program & Responsibility	Cost Estimate	Priority	Performance Measure
1. Facilities should be developed to a standard consistent with that identified for the hierarchy of the ground and so that the standard of the playing surface is consistent with the standard of support facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade some supporting infrastructure to be consistent with the standard and use of the playing surfaces.</li> </ul>	APP CS&P	N/A	High	<p>Playing surfaces which need redevelopment to be identified and a long term program for redevelopment to be included in the Asset Preservation Program.</p> <p>Wet weather ground closure policy to be reviewed by December 2000.</p>
2. New policies and conditions in occupancy agreements need to be introduced to manage use to ensure the nature of use is consistent with the standard of the playing surface and support facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrict use of district and regional grounds from low-grade competitions and from free school use.</li> </ul>	RMP CS&P	N/A	High	To be in place for seasonal users by summer 2001.

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<b>OBJECTIVE 8 - PRICING AND POLICY ISSUES</b>					
<b><i>Income Generation and Fees and Charges</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Fees and charges and rents for regional and district facilities should be commensurate with the benefit derived from that use, and the degree to which the use meets Councils sports goals for the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where permitted, areas used for commercial operations, and administrative headquarters, shall attract full rental. Rental shall be negotiated and included in lease documents.</li> </ul>	CWP APP CS&P	N/A	Medium	Amenities facilities review to be undertaken and recommendations included as part of the capital works program.
2. Canteen facilities and opportunities for appropriate sponsor signage should be available at all district and regional facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupancy agreements to indicate conditions concerning income generating facilities, sponsor naming and signage.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	All occupancy agreements incorporate this feature.
3. Naming right will be permitted for leased facilities but shall apply only to areas or structures, not an entire reserve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above.</li> </ul>				

## 4.1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SPORTSLANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

<b>OBJECTIVE 9 - MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</b>					
<b><i>Marketing and Communication</i></b>					
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Program &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Council should work closely with other suppliers of sports facilities, regional tourism bodies and sports promoters to package and promote Newcastle's and the Hunters major sporting facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council initiate discussions with other stakeholders concerning sports tourism. Sports Advisory Panel, Hunter Tourism Board.</li> </ul>	CS&P CS	N/A	High	Regular dialogue with stakeholders and special events users.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to prepare any inventory of Regional and District Sportslands suitable for use by special events.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	High	Inventory of the suitability and capability of Sportslands to cater for events by June 2001.
2. Council should work with these stakeholders to bid for, or devise major sporting events that could be cost effectively staged in Regional and District Sportslands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to undertake an assessment of the suitability and capability of all Regional and District Sportslands to stage special events.</li> </ul>	CS&P	N/A	Medium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupancy agreement to indicate conditions concerning special events.</li> </ul>	CS&P CD	N/A	Medium	Sites identified and incorporated in occupancy agreements.



## 4.2 FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN - SPORTSLANDS

For ease of overview, these actions are summarised from the detail in the Implementation Plan. Please refer to the Implementation Plan when preparing budgets and work-plans for these actions.

MAJOR ACTIONS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	status
<b>1. Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement</b>						
Condition of assets						
• Major capital works program and cyclic maintenance						
• Major Audit of all facilities to determine maintenance for s, m, lt						
• Prepare development plans (masterplans)						
• Canteen Review						
• Seek funds from Department Sport and Recreation						
<b>Infrastructure Design</b>						
• Guidelines – public amenities, furniture and promotional signage						
<b>Accessibility</b>						
• Access Audit						
• Identify strategic priorities						
<b>Protection of Heritage</b>						
• Refer to Heritage Places POM						
• Utilise in promotion and interpretation						
<b>Playing surface quality and maintenance</b>						
• Turf redevelopment program						
• Wet weather policy monitoring						
• Prevent overuse with new occupancy agreement						
• New role and function of local park committees						

## 4.2 FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN (cont'd)

MAJOR ACTIONS	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	status
<b>2. Recreation Amenity</b>						
• Recreation amenity and landscape design (see also issue 1)						
<b>3. Sports Administration and Management</b>						
• Allocation data base annual						
• Review all occupancy agreements						
• Review three tiered system of permits						
• Introduce new electronic administration system						
• Agreement to match status of land						
<b>4. Pricing Policy</b>						
• Review fees and charges at each Budget						
• Parks Committees compliance with fees and charges						Ongoing
• Clubs to undertake specialist maintenance tasks						Ongoing
• Review advertising sign code						
<b>5. Marketing and Communication</b>						
• Initiate regular communication with all user groups						
• Promote Sports Policy						
• Prepare sportsfields information brochure						
• Install park signage						
<b>6. Access and Linkages</b>						
• Audit parking issues and requirements						
• Review local traffic management						
• Identify OS links to and from sport fields, incorporate in development						
<b>7. Regional and District Infrastructure Maintenance</b>						
• Regional facilities strategy developed with HROC and Sports Advisory Panel and stakeholders						
• Facility uses to match grounds classification						
<b>8. Pricing and Policy</b>						
• Income generation review of rental changes						
• Standardise occupancy agreements conditions for sponsorship, signage etc						
<b>9. Marketing and Communication</b>						
• Promote facilities as part of a Sports Tourism Strategy						
• Assess suitability/capability of facilities to stage special events						

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## 4.3 LANDSCAPE CONCEPT CONSIDERATIONS MAY 2000:

### STEVENSON PARK

#### Key Issues for Stevenson Park

##### Drainage

1. Some areas of the park are low lying with poor drainage.

##### Traffic/Parking

2. Perimeter parking may be inadequate, as there is no off-street parking. On street parking affects adjacent residents.
3. Informal vehicle access off Industrial Drive could be a safety hazard.

##### Fields/Surrounds

1. Condition of playing surfaces is poor due to over-use and overlapping of seasonal sports.
2. Need for major shade and structure trees, especially on main road frontages.
3. Floodlighting.
4. Asset maintenance.
5. Impact on neighbours – noise, glare, traffic, and parking.

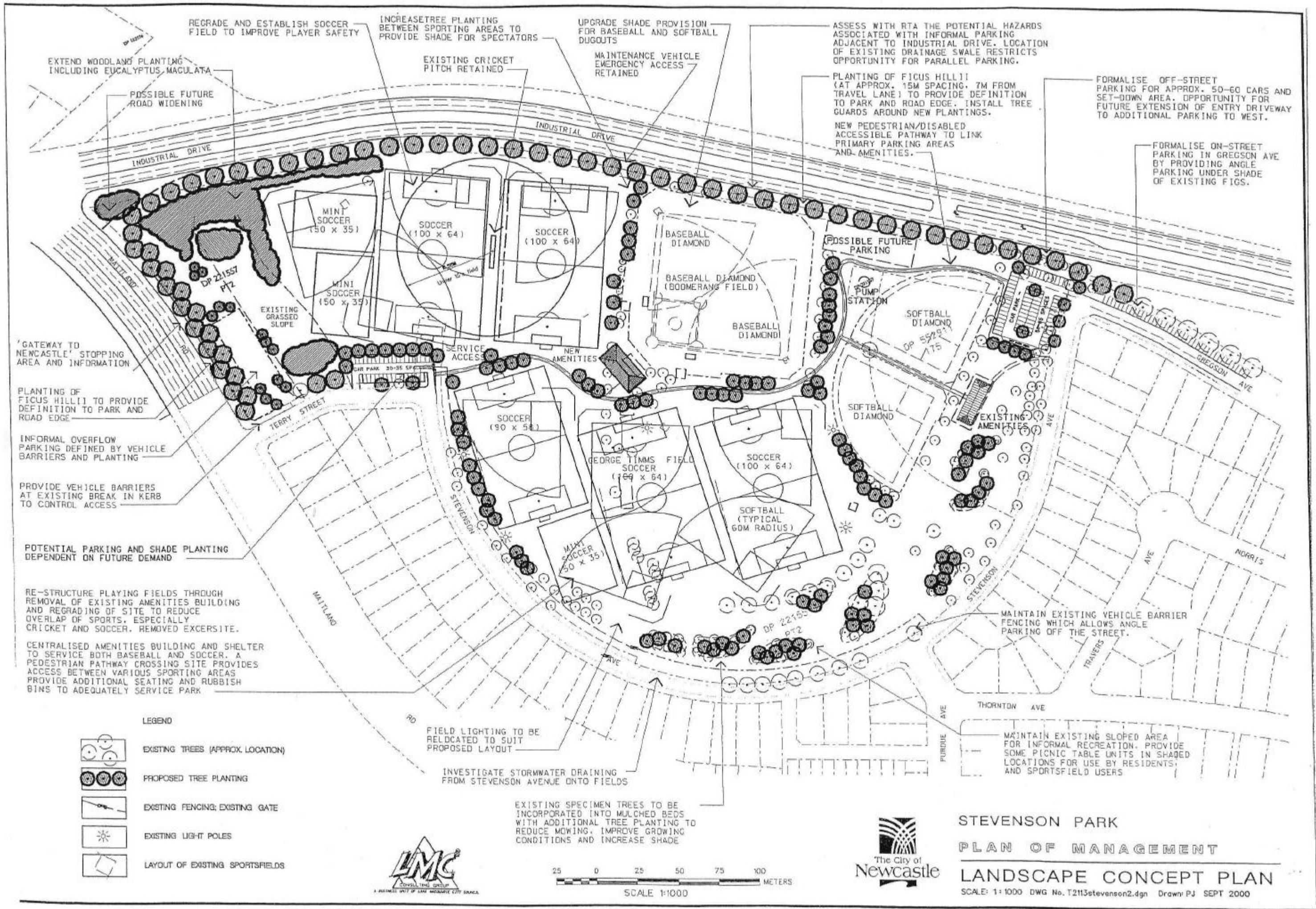
#### Landscape Concept Plan Recommendations

- Formalise both off-street and on-street car parking to provide adequate parking during sporting events.
- Carry out a tree planting program to provide shade and shelter for spectators and to define the park boundaries.
- Investigate the opportunities to restructure some of the sporting fields to reduce the overlap of sports and problems arising from over use of some areas. The current facilities in the park would appear to be at capacity.
- Install additional park furniture and rubbish bins to adequately service the site.

The Stevenson Park Landscape Concept Plan is located on the following page.

### LINDSAY PARK

Refer to the Lindsay Park Landscape Concept Plan located at page 32 of this Plan of Management.



REGRADE AND ESTABLISH SOCCER FIELD TO IMPROVE PLAYER SAFETY

INCREASE TREE PLANTING BETWEEN SPORTING AREAS TO PROVIDE SHADE FOR SPECTATORS

UPGRADE SHADE PROVISION FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL DUGOUTS

ASSESS WITH RTA THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH INFORMAL PARKING ADJACENT TO INDUSTRIAL DRIVE. LOCATION OF EXISTING DRAINAGE SWALE RESTRICTS OPPORTUNITY FOR PARALLEL PARKING.

FORMALISE OFF-STREET PARKING FOR APPROX. 50-60 CARS AND SET-DOWN AREA. OPPORTUNITY FOR FUTURE EXTENSION OF ENTRY DRIVEWAY TO ADDITIONAL PARKING TO WEST.

FORMALISE ON-STREET PARKING IN GREGSON AVE BY PROVIDING ANGLE PARKING UNDER SHADE OF EXISTING FIGS.

PLANTING OF FICUS HILLII (AT APPROX. 15M SPACING, 7M FROM TRAVEL LANE) TO PROVIDE DEFINITION TO PARK AND ROAD EDGE. INSTALL TREE GUARDS AROUND NEW PLANTINGS.

NEW PEDESTRIAN/DISABLED ACCESSIBLE PATHWAY TO LINK PRIMARY PARKING AREAS AND AMENITIES.

EXTEND WOODLAND PLANTING INCLUDING EUCALYPTUS MACULATA

POSSIBLE FUTURE ROAD WIDENING

EXISTING CRICKET PITCH RETAINED

MAINTENANCE VEHICLE EMERGENCY ACCESS RETAINED

'GATEWAY TO NEWCASTLE' STOPPING AREA AND INFORMATION

PLANTING OF FICUS HILLII TO PROVIDE DEFINITION TO PARK AND ROAD EDGE

INFORMAL OVERFLOW PARKING DEFINED BY VEHICLE BARRIERS AND PLANTING

PROVIDE VEHICLE BARRIERS AT EXISTING BREAK IN KERB TO CONTROL ACCESS

POTENTIAL PARKING AND SHADE PLANTING DEPENDENT ON FUTURE DEMAND

RE-STRUCTURE PLAYING FIELDS THROUGH REMOVAL OF EXISTING AMENITIES BUILDING AND REGRADING OF SITE TO REDUCE OVERLAP OF SPORTS, ESPECIALLY CRICKET AND SOCCER. REMOVED EXCERSITE.

CENTRALISED AMENITIES BUILDING AND SHELTER TO SERVICE BOTH BASEBALL AND SOCCER. A PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY CROSSING SITE PROVIDES ACCESS BETWEEN VARIOUS SPORTING AREAS. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SEATING AND RUBBISH BINS TO ADEQUATELY SERVICE PARK.

LEGEND

- EXISTING TREES (APPROX. LOCATION)
- PROPOSED TREE PLANTING
- EXISTING FENCING; EXISTING GATE
- EXISTING LIGHT POLES
- LAYOUT OF EXISTING SPORTSFIELDS

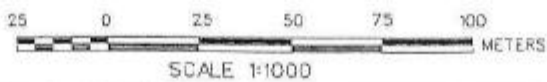
FIELD LIGHTING TO BE RELOCATED TO SUIT PROPOSED LAYOUT

INVESTIGATE STORMWATER DRAINING FROM STEVENSON AVENUE ONTO FIELDS

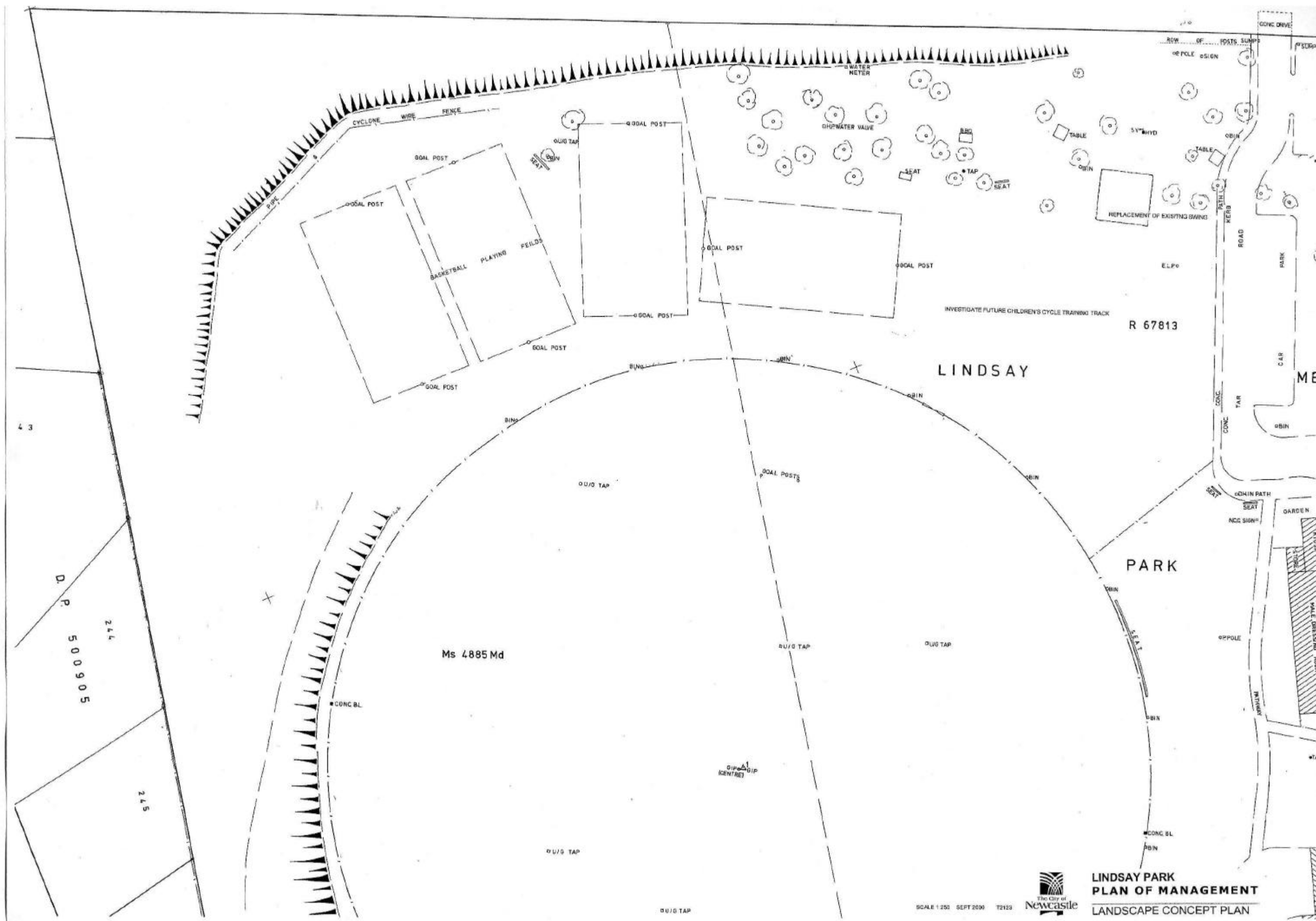
EXISTING SPECIMEN TREES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO MULCHED BEDS WITH ADDITIONAL TREE PLANTING TO REDUCE MOWING, IMPROVE GROWING CONDITIONS AND INCREASE SHADE

MAINTAIN EXISTING VEHICLE BARRIER FENCING WHICH ALLOWS ANGLE PARKING OFF THE STREET.

MAINTAIN EXISTING SLOPED AREA FOR INFORMAL RECREATION. PROVIDE SOME PICNIC TABLE UNITS IN SHADED LOCATIONS FOR USE BY RESIDENTS AND SPORTSFIELD USERS



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## SCHEDULE OF LAND - SPORTSLANDS

COUNT	PARK NAME	AREA	LAND REGISTER NO	LOT NO	DP NO	LOCATION	OWNERSHIP
1	Acacia Avenue Reserve	3.915	C198	95	223109	Acacia Avenue North Lambton	Dedicated Public Reserve
2	Alder Park		C162	Part Lots A and B	344171	Bridges Road New Lambton	Free Simple used as Park
3	Ballast Ground	14.32	Cr40			337 Fullerton Streets Stockton	Crown Reserve
4	Bill Elliott	5.576	C113	42	634909	115 Maryland Drive Maryland	Dedicated Public Reserve
5	Connolly Park	2.621	Cr8, C32	1, 2, Pt 7, 8 Sec 32, 9 Sec 32, 1- 13, Pt 10, Pt 4, Pt 7, 1-3 Sec 33 8-10 Sec 33	317644, 758233, 171	Cowper Street Carrington	Dedicated Public Reserve, Crown Reserve
6	Cook Park	0.744	C226	A	36553	Macarthur Street Shortland	Dedicated Public Reserve
7	Corroba Park	2.238	C235	2	178933	Meredith Street Stockton	Dedicated Public Reserve
8	Dangar Park	3.554	Part Cr15	Part 128	755247	21 a Maitland Road Mayfield	Crown Reserve

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COUNT	PARK NAME	AREA	LAND REGISTER NO	LOT NO	DP NO	LOCATION	OWNERSHIP
9	Darling Street	2.653	C68	11, 12	559759	Darling Street Hamilton South	Dedicated Public Reserve
10	Elmore Vale Park	7.962	C45	480, 38	713791, 2 45011	129 Croudace Road Elmore Vale	Dedicated Public Reserve
11	Empire Park	8.019	Cr4	258	755247	1 Kilgour Avenue Bar Beach	Crown Reserve
12	Federal Park	6.991	Cr46	Ms818md		2 Boscawen Street Wallsend	Crown Reserve Dedicated Public Reserve
13	Fletcher Park	4.856	C115	Ms445md		Creek Road Maryland	
14	Gibbs Brothers Park	2.46	C145	50	238487	Rowan Crescent Merewether	Dedicated Public Reserve
15	Grange Avenue Reserve	4.13	C117	134,513	253956, 717019	Grange Avenue Maryland	Dedicated Public Reserve
16	Griffith Park		Cr37			5a Hunter Street Stockton	Crown Reserve
17	Gross Street Reserve	0.952	C245	B	333288	57 William Street Tighes Hill	Dedicated Public Reserve
18	Harold Myers Park	2.80	C23	814	12691	932 Sandgate Road Birmingham	Dedicated Public Reserve
19	Heaton Park	5.63	C81	2, 22	225805, 707993	56 Blue Gum Road Jesmond	Dedicated Public Reserve, Fee Simple used as Parkland
20	Hexham Park	2.157	C75	Pt 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Pt 30, 1	32517, 32585, 619249	290 Maitland Road Hexham	Fee Simple used as Parkland
21	Hope Street Reserve – Plattsburg	2.312	C258	1	220555	70 Hope Street Wallsend	Fee Simple used as Parkland
22	Hudson Park	6.68	C6	111,92a	2204354,	52 Lexington Parade	Dedicated Public Reserve

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					27878	Adamstown Heights	
23	Jesmond Park	9.22	C82	1, 1	396221, 238564	4 and 6 Robinson Avenue Jesmond	Dedicated Public Reserve
24	Johnson Park	1.598	C104	Pt 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285	755247	10 Bindera Road Lambton	Dedicated Public Reserve
25	Kotara Park	5.725	C91	92	13333	190 Park Avenue Kotara	
26	Kurraka Reserve	5.364	C1573	223	1170959	45 Kurraka Drive Fletcher	Dedicated Public Reserve
27	Learmonth Park	2.698	C72	21	95334	80a Gordon Avenue Hamilton South	
28	Lewis Oval	2.379	C 173	273	235002	Grainger Street New Lambton	
29	Lindsay Memorial Park	4.406	Part C021	Part 1602 1601	1157426	Anderson Drive Beresfield	
30	Litchfield Park	2.1	C129	C, 22	151839, 95384	Myola Street Mayfield	
31	Lugar Street Reserve	2.30	C93	2	22, 59, 92	35 Moruya Parade Kotara	Fee Simple used as Park
32	Mayfield Park	1.652	C130	Ms2908md		136a Crebert Street Mayfield	Dedicated Public Reserve
33	Maryland Drive Reserve	8.971	C119	69, 41, 2, 68	251420, 252642, 574320, 251240	58 and 60 Minmi Road Maryland	Dedicated Public Reserve
34	Minmi Sportsground		C159	1, 2, 71, 722	157344, 734434, 776831	96 Woodford Street Minmi	Fee Simple used as Park
35	Myamblah Crescent Reserve	6.498	C153	124	229530	21 Myamblah Crescent Maryland	Dedicated Public Reserve



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36	Nesbitt Park	3.182	C96	1	412974	1 Casey Avenue Kotara	Dedicated Public Reserve
37	Novocastrian Womens' Sport Centre	3.79	C176	4, Pt 3, 1	3365, 311239	24 Orchardtown Road New Lambton	Dedicated Public Reserve
38	Pasadena Crescent Park	2.68	C19	12, 13	553141	95 Pasadena Crescent Beresfield	Fee Simple used as Park
39	Pat Jordon Oval	1.90	Cr9	1 Sec 55	755247	1a Cowper Street Carrington	Crown Reserve
40	Rawson Park	13.51	Cr38			124 Mitchell Street Stockton	Crown Reserve
41	Regent Park	1.619	C306	3-10, 18-25 Sec U	1949	8a Regent Street New Lambton	Fee Simple used as Park
42	Richardson Park Reserve	2.263	C66	2436, 2954, 2418	755247	16 Chatham Road Hamilton North	Dedicated Public Reserve
43	Shortland Close Reserve	5.061	C121	21	255643	Shortland Close Maryland	
44	Smith Park		C67	Pt 2508	755247	31 Boreas Road Hamilton North	Dedicated Public Reserve
45	Thomas Percy Oval	2.70	C297	221	218736	36 Allowah Street Waratah West	Dedicated Public Reserve
46	Tuxford Park	6.223	C232	1, 2, 3, 143, 43, 44, 11, 4	12700, 523766, 554433, 554577, 230124	10 King Street Shortland	Dedicated Public Reserve

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<b>DISTRICT SPORTSLANDS</b>							
47	Adamstown and Myers Park	4.71	Cr1	Pt 3156, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1966-1977, 391	755247	506 Glebe Road Adamstown	Crown Reserve
48	Arthur Edden Oval		Cr19	Pt 4, 2377-2380, 3255	755247, 821022	2 Monash Road and 24 Wallarah Road New Lambton	Crown Reserve
49	District Park		Cr7	Pt 1502, 2692	755247	6 and 10 Bavin Road Broadmeadow	Crown Reserve
50	Mitchell Park Crown Reserve	13.91	Cr17	Ms2032md		24 Mitchell Street Merewether	Crown Reserve
51	New Lambton Park		C175	3185, 2, 3 Pt 4	40064, 219868	Walarah Road New Lambton	Dedicated Public Reserve
52	Stevenson Park	13.79	C140	Pt 2, 3, 175	221557, 552911	559 Maitland Road Mayfield West	Fee Simple used as Park
53	Upper Reserve	11.97	C188	22	252073	47 Lake Road Wallsend	Dedicated Public Reserve
54	Waratah Park	12.262	Cr48	31898, 3190, 3191	44990	2a Young Street Waratah	Crown Reserve
55	Walarah Park to New Lambton Park	7.83	Cr19	Pt 4, 2377-2380, 3255	755247, 821022	2 Monash Road and 24 Wallarah Road New Lambton	Crown Reserve
56	Wickham Park	10.228	Cr 50, C132	Pt 152, 165, 166, 3166, 3175, 1-4, 7, A, B	755247, 435285, 19149, 339570, 343652, 170510, 391920	22 Albert Street Wickham	Fee Simple used as Park

**APPENDIX 1**

COUNT	PARK NAME	AREA	LAND REGISTER NO	LOT NO	DP NO	LOCATION	OWNERSHIP
<b>REGIONAL SPORTSLANDS</b>							
57	Weingartner Park (Tarro Rec Reserve)	34.316	C239	7, 8, 2	38624, 233622	81 Anderson Drive Tarro	Fee Simple used as Park

## APPENDIX 2

### APPROPRIATE PURPOSES FOR GRANTING OF LEASES AND LICENCES IN SPORTSLANDS

This plan expressly authorises the leases for Sportsgrounds listed in the schedule at **Appendix 4**.

All leases must comply with the core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground ie.

- (a) “to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and,
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences” (sec. 36F LGA 1998 as amended)”.

**Licenses** are issued for most sporting events and also informal events that take place within the parks. The purpose for which they are issued includes standard competition matches, major carnivals, training, school sports and informal activities such as social gatherings associated with sporting activities.

For the purposes of Section 46(1) (b) (iii) of the Act, the use or occupation of community land for the following events is prescribed as a purpose in respect of which a council may grant a licence in respect of community land on a short term casual basis:

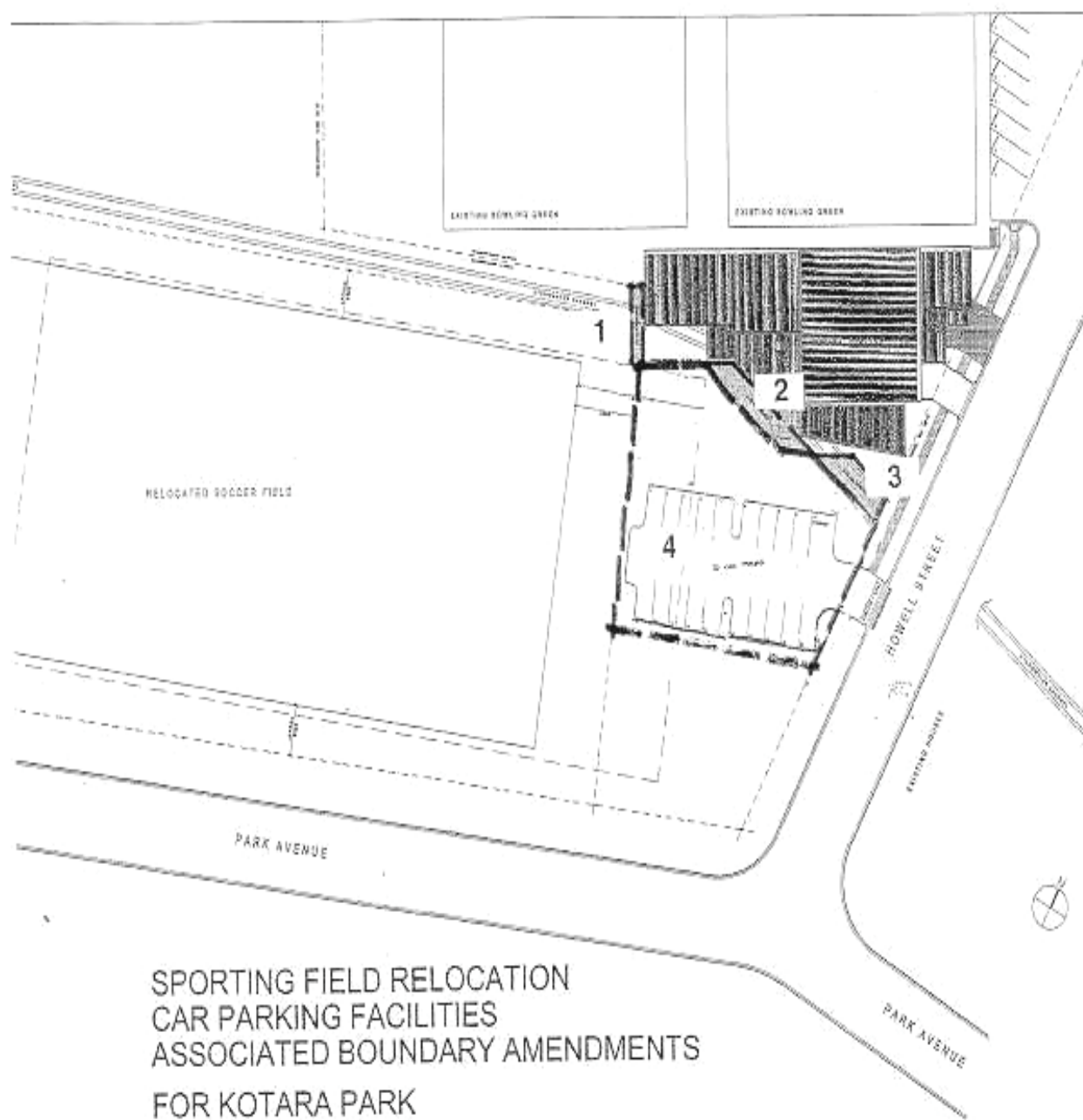
- (a) the playing of an instrument, or singing, for fee or reward;
- (b) engaging in a trade or business;
- (c) delivering a public address;
- (d) commercial photographic sessions;
- (e) picnics, private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings;
- (f) filming for cinema or television;
- (g) the agistment of stock.

**A. Lease boundary amendment: no additional area required:**

1. Remove 11.4m<sup>2</sup>
  2. Add 43.8 m<sup>2</sup>
  3. Remove 32.4m<sup>2</sup>
- Total additions or reductions 0m<sup>2</sup>

**B. Lease area addition (proposed carpark):**

4. Add 1015 m<sup>2</sup>



## SCHEDULE OF LEASES BY PARK NAME

COUNT	PARK NAME	LAND REGISTER NUMBER	LESSEE	PURPOSE OF LEASE
	<b>COMMUNITY</b>			
1	ALDER PARK	C162	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alder Park Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of bowling and associated activities.</li> </ul>
2	CONNOLLY PARK	C 32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrington Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of bowling and associated activities.</li> </ul>
3	FLETCHER PARK	C115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equestrian and associated activities.</li> </ul>
4	HEATON PARK	C81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heaton Birmingham Gardens Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of bowling and associated activities.</li> </ul>
5	HEXHAM PARK	C75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hexham Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of sporting activities.</li> <li>For the operation of an effluent treatment and irrigation system</li> </ul>
6	KOTARA PARK	C91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunshine Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout Association of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of scouting activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kotara Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of bowling and associated activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kotara Park Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
7	LEARMONTH PARK	C72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learmonth Park Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
8	LINDSAY MEMORIAL PARK	C21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lindsay Park Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Guides Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of Guiding activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of Scouting activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beresfield Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of bowling and associated activities.</li> </ul>

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COUNT	PARK NAME	LAND REGISTER NUMBER	LESSEE	PURPOSE OF LEASE
9	LITCHFIELD PARK	C129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayfield Colts War Memorial Sports Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of sporting activities.</li> </ul>
10	MINMI SPORTSGROUND	C159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minmi Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
11	NATIONAL PARK	C197	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapman and Wray</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout Association of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of Scouting activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newcastle Bowling Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of administrating bowling club activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Park Croquet Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purposes of playing croquet.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newcastle and Central Coast Amateur Athletics Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of athletics activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi Purpose Building – Netball, Australian Rules and Cricket associations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of management and administration of these and other associated sporting activities and social activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Without Barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For purposes of disability support services and activities</li> </ul>
12	NEW LAMBTON PARK	C175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intergral Eco House</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For purposes of environmental living demonstration.</li> </ul>
13	STEVENSON PARK	C140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scout Association of Australia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of scouting activities.</li> </ul>
	<b>CROWN RESERVE</b>			
14	ADAMSTOWN AND MYERS	CR 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adamstown/Rosebuds Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
15	BALLAST GROUND	CR 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Guide and Scouts</li> </ul>	
16	DISTRICT PARK	CR 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SLAS Helicopter Rescue Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the purpose of housing, landing and take off of emergency rescue helicopter and associated equipment storage.</li> </ul>

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<b>COUNT</b>	<b>PARK NAME</b>	<b>LAND REGISTER NUMBER</b>	<b>LESSEE</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF LEASE</b>
17	EMPIRE PARK	CR 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empire Park Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reid Park Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>
18	SMITH PARK	C67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamilton North Bowling Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purpose of bowling activities.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. For Better Hearing – Croquet Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purposes of playing croquet.</li> </ul>
19	WARATAH PARK	CR 48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waratah Tennis Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purpose of tennis activities.</li> </ul>



**SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

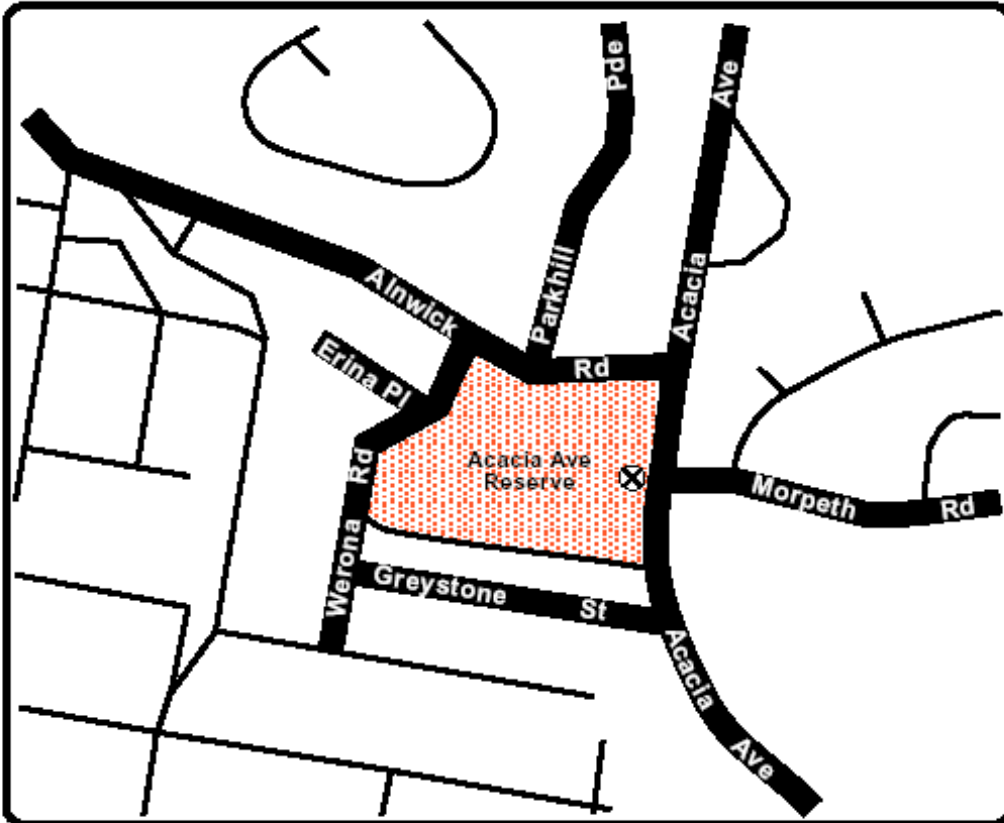
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- Council Briefing June 1997
- Sports Seminar 4 June 1997
- Sports Advisory Panel July 1997, monthly  
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- Park Committee Consultation July – September 1997
- Sports Seminar 2 November 1997
- Report to Council 9 December 1997
- Infrastructure Improvement Survey  
(Park Committees and Sports Associations) December 1997
- Pricing Policy Working Party January/February 1998
- Public Exhibition March/April 1998
- Park Committee and Sporting Associations March/April 1998
- Report to Council for Adoption 19 May 1998
- Plan of Management Review 1999
- Public Exhibition June/July 2000
- Report to Council October 2000
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**LEASH FREE & TIMED LEASH OFF AREAS**



**SPORTSLANDS PARKS**

LEASH FREE AREA

Acacia Ave Reserve

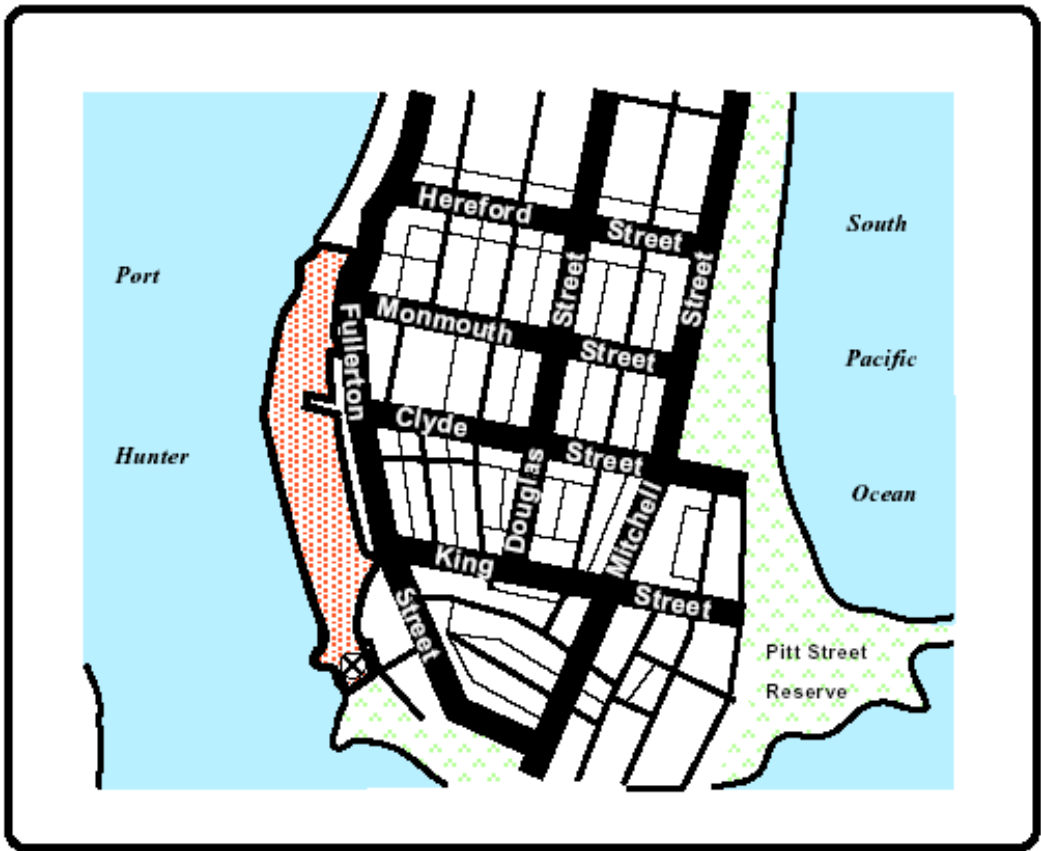


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LEASH FREE AREA

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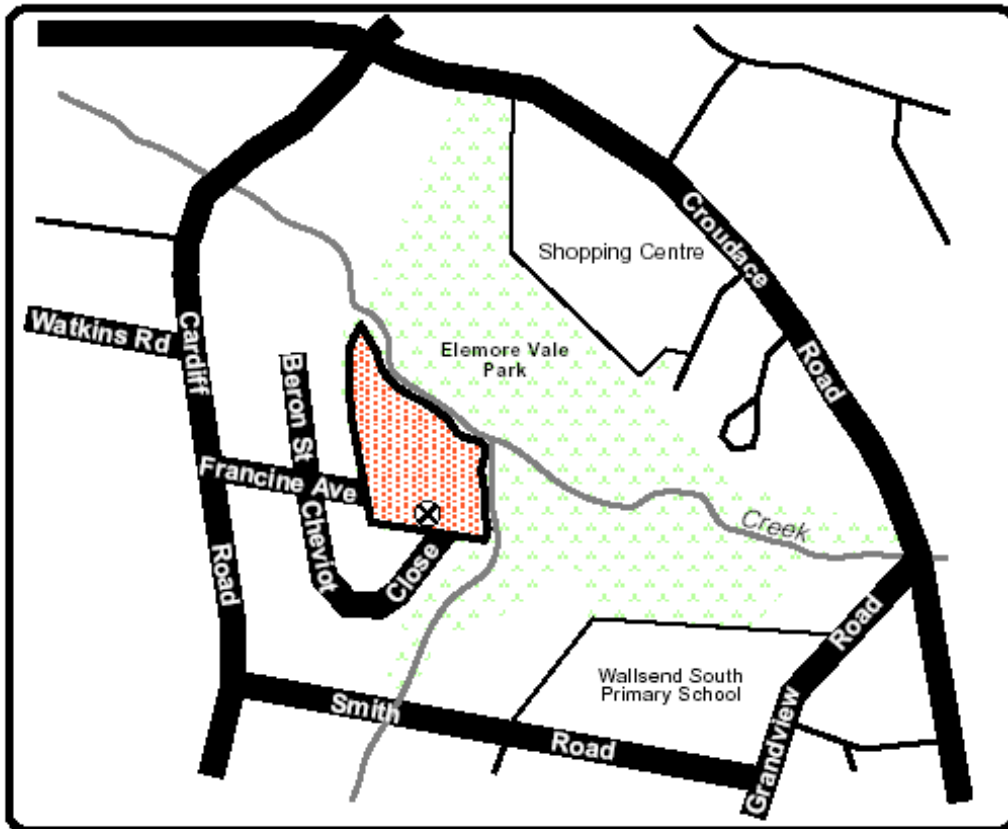
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TIMED LEASH OFF AREA

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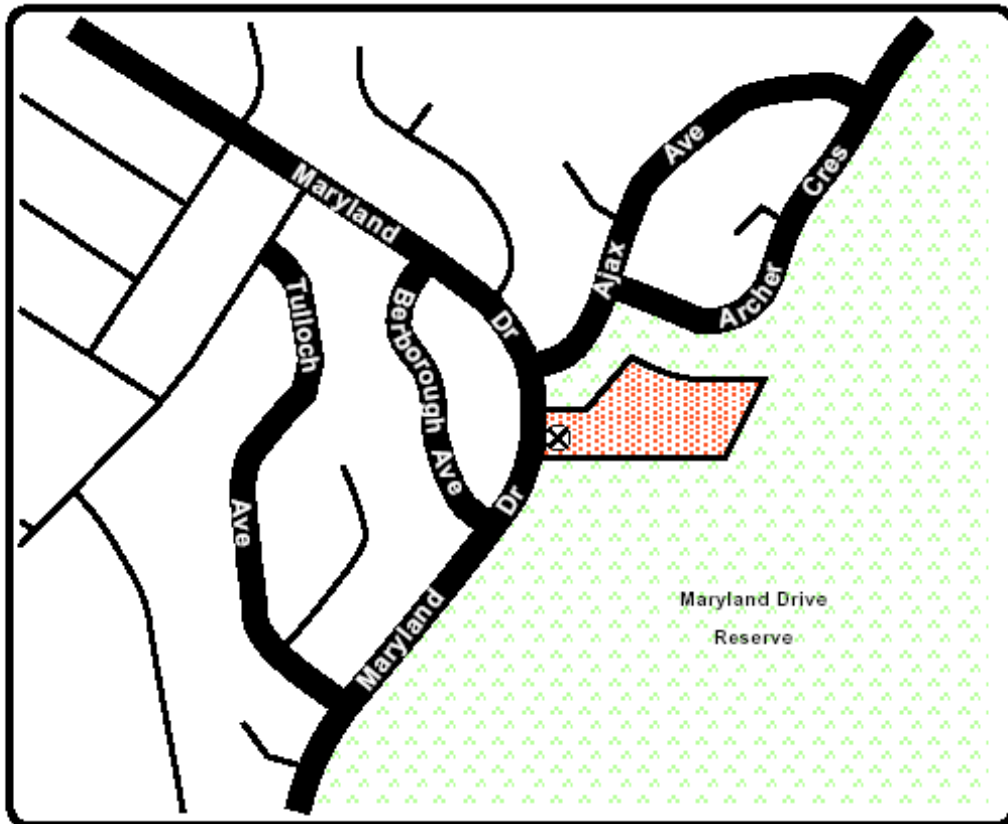
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LEASH FREE AREA

Maryland Dr Reserve



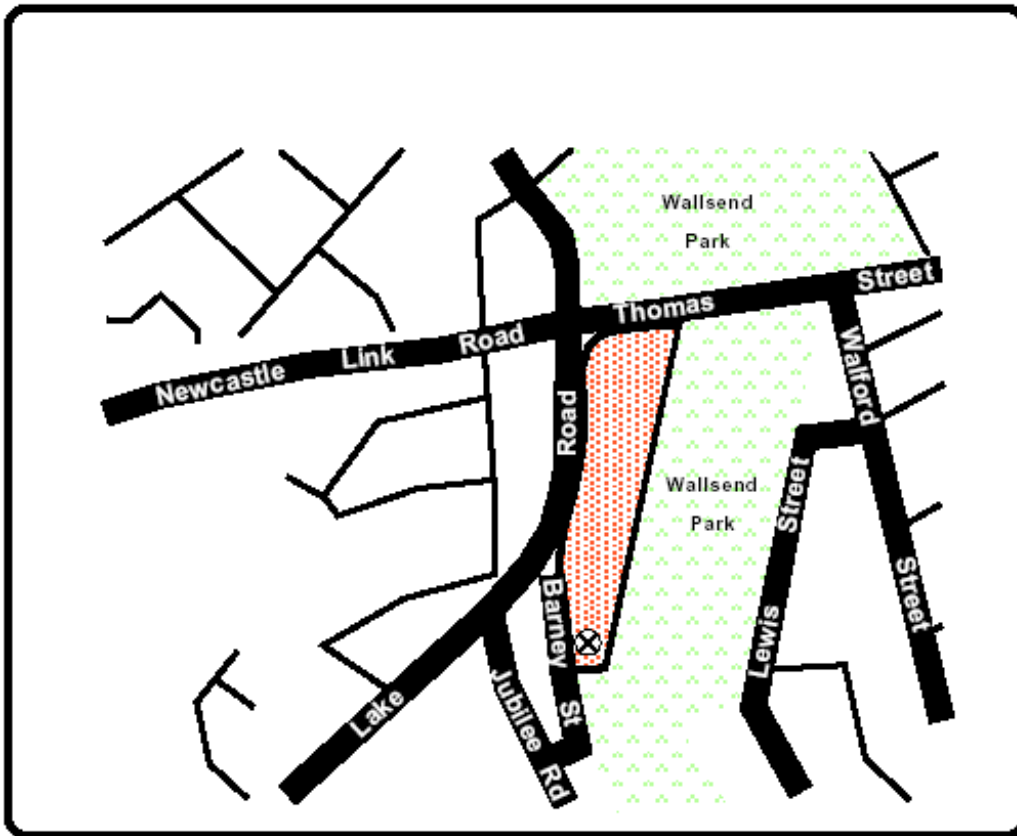
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 Location of dog waste bin

LEASH FREE AREA

Upper Reserve - Wallsend

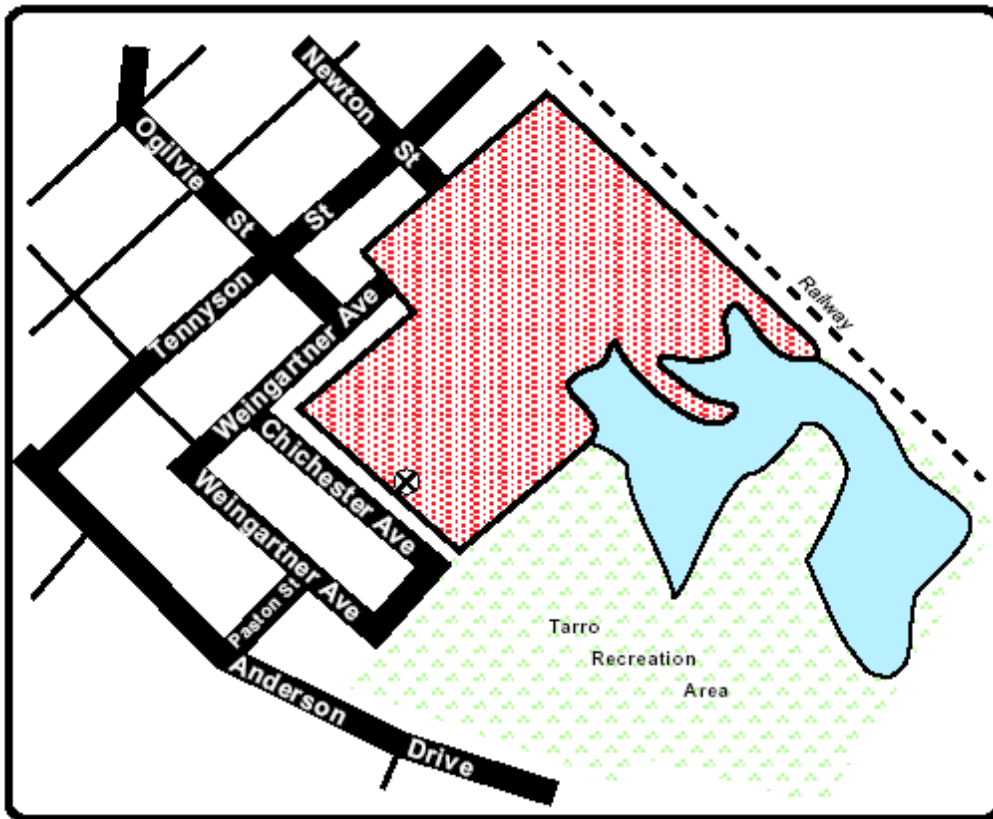


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LEASH FREE AREA

Tarro Recreation Area



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## **APPENDIX 7**

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE CATEGORISATION OF LAND AS SPORTSGROUND**

Land should be categorised as a sportsground under section 36(4) of the Act if the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.

**CRITERIA FOR REGIONAL, DISTRICT AND LOCAL  
FUNCTIONAL HIERARCHIES**

<b>ASPECT</b>	<b>Regional Sports Facility</b>	<b>District Sports Facility</b>	<b>Local Sports Facility</b>
<b>User Community</b>	Use at regional, state and international level.	Use at district level, high level of participation and competition.	Use at local and junior level.
<b>Types of Use</b>	Dedicated sporting use.	Shared use with general community when not in use by sport.	Shared use with general community.
<b>Location</b>	Sports facility part of larger park with support grounds and facilities, which are of lower level.	Sports facility part of larger park with support facilities.	Sports facility can form part of larger park or single facility.
<b>Access</b>	Public access generally restricted.	Public access only restricted during sport.	No restrictions on public access.
<b>Funding</b>	Externally and or internally funded, (sponsorship grants).	Usually funded by council, sponsorship, grants and also users.	Funded by council, external grants, sponsorship and users.
<b>Leases and Licences</b>	Opportunity for long tenure eg. lease.	Shorter tenure, less than 5 years, licence/seasonal permit/casual use.	Licence/seasonal use/casual use only.
<b>Type of Competition</b>	Elite/premier level	Significant and or senior level.	Local and junior level.
<b>Parking and Traffic</b>	Formal parking, arterial road support	Usually on street and off street parking. Arterial road support.	On street parking.
<b>Spectator Facilities</b>	Undercover or formalised seating eg. grandstand.	Covered seating optional.	Informal spectator seating areas. Covering possible at low level by user.
<b>Other Facilities</b>	Change rooms, toilets, kiosk's, function rooms, scoreboard, fencing, ticket box.	Change rooms, toilets, kiosk's.	Change rooms, toilets, kiosk's.
<b>Lighting</b>	To high competition standard.	To competition standard.	To training standard only.
<b>Maintenance</b>	High level with partnership agreements.	Moderate level with partnership agreements.	Lowest level with partnership agreements.
<b>Capital Improvement</b>	High level, in line with utilisation.	Moderate, in line with utilisation.	Low, basic requirements only.
<b>Future Use/ Development</b>	Infrastructure such as lights, grandstand, parking, irrigation/drainage, fencing, amenities.	Ability and suitability to develop infrastructure such as lights, grandstand (if applicable), parking, irrigation/drainage.	Not suitable for development any further than toilets, changerooms, kiosk and floodlights to training standard.

